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MINNESOTA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACTIVITY

		CHANGE FROM			
		March 1983		April 1982	
	April 1983	Number or Amount	Percent	Number or Amount	Percent
Aid to Families with Dependent Children					
Families (Cases) Receiving Payment	49,083	+ 393	+ 0.8%	+ 3,948	+ 8.5%
Children	88,965	+ 897	+ 1.0%	+ 7,113	+ 8.7%
Caretakers	54,615	+ 416	+ 0.8%	+ 5,886	+12.1%
Total Net Payments	$19,214,856	+$ 11,716	+ 0.1%	+$3,340,580	+21.0%
Average Grant Per Family	$ 391.48	-$ 2.92	- 0.7%	+$ 40.55	+11.6%
Average Grant Per Person	$ 133.83	-$ 1.15	- 0.9%	+$ 12.26	+10.1%
Emergency Assistance					
Families Receiving Payment	861	+ 66	+ 8.3%	- 429	-33.3%
Persons Receiving Payment	2,916	+ 218	+ 8.1%	- 1,723	-37.1%
AFDC Persons Receiving Payment(a)	1,973	+ 237	+13.7%	- 695	-26.0%
Total Net Payments	$ 297,882	+$ 45,151	+17.9%	-$ 101,792	-25.5%
Average Payment Per Family	$ 345.97	+$ 28.07	+ 8.8%	+$ 36.15	+11.7%
Supplemental Security Income					
Persons Receiving Payment	28,801	+ 125	+ 0.4%	- 816	- 2.8%
Total Net Payments	$ 3,940,060	+$ 17,389	+ 0.4%	+$ 207,154	+ 5.6%
Average Grant Per Person	$ 136.80	+$ .01	*	+$ 10.76	+ 8.5%
Minnesota Supplemental Aid					
Persons with SSI	8,564	+ 173	+ 2.1%	- 204	- 2.3%
Persons without SSI	1,566	- 12	- 0.8%	+ 138	+ 9.7%
Total Net Payments	$ 1,182,789	+$ 92,658	+ 8.5%	+$ 164,557	+16.2%
Average Grant Per Person	$ 116.76	+$ 7.41	+ 6.8%	+$ 16.89	+16.9%
General Assistance(b)					
Cases Receiving Payment	10,045	- 427	- 4.1%	+ 2,501	+33.2%
Family Cases	588	- 15	- 2.5%	+ 155	+35.8%
Persons in Family Case	1,740	- 50	- 2.8%	+ 463	+36.3%
Single Cases	9,457	- 412	- 4.2%	+ 2,346	+33.0%
Total Gross Payments	$ 2,384,282	-$170,814	- 6.7%	+$ 578,511	+32.0%
Avg. Grant Per Family Case	$ 418.03	+$ 28.22	+ 7.2%	-$ 19.47	- 4.5%
Avg. Grant Per Family Person	$ 141.27	+$ 9.95	+ 7.6%	-$ 7.08	- 4.8%
Avg. Grant Per Single Case	$ 226.13	-$ 8.95	- 3.8%	-$ 1.17	- 0.5%
Total Net Payments	$ 2,101,067	+$ 17,237	+ 0.8%	+$ 494,057	+30.7%
TOTAL FOR CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS					
Persons Receiving Payment	186,087	+ 945	+ 0.5%	+ 14,102	+ 8.2%
Total Net Payments	$26,736,654	+$205,478	+ 0.8%	+$4,104,556	+18.1%

		CHANGE FROM			
		March 1983		April 1982	
	April 1983	Number or Amount	Percent	Number or Amount	Percent
Medical Assistance					
Total MA-Only Persons	45,902	- 648	- 1.4%	+ 3,375	+ 7.9%
Total Persons Concurrently Receiving SSI or MSA	20,231	- 16	- *	- 1,011	- 4.8%
Total Persons Concurrently Receiving AFDC(a)	69,395	- 475	- 0.7%	- 3,815	- 5.2%
Total Net Payments	$69,418,055	+$4,696,039	+ 7.3%	+$4,355,963	+ 6.7%
Average Payment Per:					
MA-Only Person	$ 961.41	+$ 113.46	+13.4%	+$ 40.43	+ 4.4%
SSI/MSA Recipient	$ 847.12	+$ 60.71	+ 7.7%	+$ 80.05	+10.4%
AFDC Recipient	$ 117.43	-$ 16.07	-12.0%	-$ 13.72	-10.5%
General Assistance Medical Care					
Total GAMC-Only Persons	5,369	- 412	- 7.1%	+ 296	+ 5.8%
Total Persons Concurrently Receiving GA	4,430	- 614	-12.2%	- 105	- 2.3%
Total Net Payments	$ 2,298,824	-$ 465,734	-16.8%	-$ 544,621	-19.2%
Average Payment Per:					
GAMC-Only Person	$ 216.73	-$ 25.27	-10.4%	-$ 78.25	-26.5%
GA Recipient	$ 256.25	-$ 14.48	- 5.3%	-$ 40.76	-13.7%
TOTAL FOR MEDICAL PROGRAMS					
Persons Receiving Payment	145,327	- 2,165	- 1.5%	- 1,260	- 0.9%
Total Payments	$71,716,879	+$4,230,305	+ 6.3%	+$3,811,342	+ 5.6%
TOTAL FOR CASH AND MEDICAL PROGRAMS COMBINED					
Persons Receiving Payment	237,358	- 115	*	+ 17,773	+ 8.1%
Total Payments	$98,453,533	+$4,435,783	+ 4.7%	+$7,915,898	+ 8.7%

(a) Excluded when calculating the total persons for all programs.
(b) Includes post-closing persons and cases.
*Less than 0.05%.

Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) This program continued to advance during April for the 10th consecutive month of growth. Monthly increases, however, were slight with the number of families rising by only 393 (0.8%) and expenditures by $11,716 (0.1%).

Families receiving payment totalled 49,083. While this was not significantly higher than the previous month, it did represent an annual growth of 3,848 (8.5%). The monthly growth was led by the Regular category, which grew by 269 (0.7%). The UP category, at 7,820 families, also advanced by 124 families (1.6%).

Expenditures reached $19,214,856 during April, significantly more, $3,340,580 (21.0%), than the $15,874,276 recorded one year ago.

The Unemployed Parent category recorded annual growth of 52.0% or $1,304,053. The Regular category, by comparison, grew by 15.2% or $2,036,527.

In April 1983, 3,542 families applied for AFDC assistance. This was 735 (17.2%) fewer than in March 1983 but 55 (1.6%) more than in April 1982. Of the monthly applications, 888 (25.1%) were Unemployed Parent families and the remaining 2,654 (74.9%) were Regular families. The urban counties represented 38.7% of the applicants, followed by the rural with 33.5% and the suburban with 27.8%. The composition of Unemployed Parent applicants by county type was 38.6% rural, 31.7% urban and 29.7% suburban. In contrast, the county of residence of the Regular applicants was 41.1% urban, 31.8% rural and 27.1% suburban. Among the Regular applicants, there were 108 incapacitated parent cases.

April's applications were the fewest recorded during fiscal year 1983. This indicates a reduction in the number of paid cases and in expenditures during the remainder of the fiscal year, a typical seasonal occurrence.

Emergency Assistance (EA) During April, the county agencies responded to additional requests for assistance because of overdue utility bills. Needy families were prompted by impending electrical cutoff, which could legally occur after April 1. This contributed to higher case load and expenditure levels during the month.

There were 2,916 persons aided during the month. This was 218 (8.1%) more than March, but 1,723 (37.1%) less than one year ago. The emergency of Utilities alone accounted for 1,427 persons or 48.9% of all those served. The number of recipients in this category rose by 679 (90.8%) from March; however, the overall impact was partially checked by declines in the number of evictions.

Cases totalled 861 during April. This was 66 (8.3%) greater than March but 429 (33.3%) less than last year.

April's expenses totalled $297,882. This was $45,151 (17.9%) higher than the March level but falls $101,792 (25.5%) short of the $399,674 expended one year ago. The largest emergency category, Utilities, represented 47.0% of April's cost.

The major emergencies during April were Utilities and Eviction. Eviction, although typically the largest emergency category, occupied second place in April. The increase within the Utility category was expected, having occurred in 1979, 1981 and 1982. During the October through April period, utility aid cost $501,900 compared to $702,470 for the previous heating season.

The following table shows the change in utility costs between March and April 1983. It shows a general pattern of advance with the largest increases occurring in the urban counties. This category sustained a 311.8% increase and was led by Ramsey County, which rose 862.0% during the one-month period.

Utilities
by County Category
April 1983 and March 1983 Compared

	Cases		Change		Expenditures		Change	
Category	April	March	#	%	April	March	#	%
Urban	205	59	146	247.5%	$ 84,828	$20,599	$64,229	311.8%
Hennepin	68	33	35	106.1%	32,140	10,631	21,509	202.3%
Ramsey	96	5	91	1820.0%	39,123	4,067	35,056	862.0%
St. Louis	41	21	20	95.2%	13,565	5,901	7,664	129.9%
Suburban	65	62	3	4.8%	20,272	17,297	2,975	17.2%
Rural	126	75	51	68.0%	34,914	19,752	15,162	76.8%
State	396	196	200	102.0%	$140,013	$57,649	$82,364	142.9%

A closer look at this program indicates that the costs within the urban counties were primarily for AFDC families while in the suburban and rural counties, the non-AFDC (Other) families predominated. This can be observed in the following tables.

Utilities

AFDC Families

	April	March	Change Number	Change Percent
Urban	$66,821	$17,396	$49,425	284.1%
Hennepin	20,387	9,109	11,278	123.8%
Ramsey	36,463	4,067	32,396	796.6%
St. Louis	9,971	4,220	5,751	136.3%
Suburban	9,384	5,593	3,791	67.8%
Rural	14,930	8,303	6,627	79.8%
State	$91,136	$31,292	$59,844	191.2%

Other Families

	April	March	Change Number	Change Percent
Urban	$18,006	$ 3,203	$14,803	462.2%
Hennepin	11,753	1,521	10,232	67.3%
Ramsey	2,660	--	2,660	--
St. Louis	3,593	1,682	1,911	113.6%
Suburban	10,888	11,704	- 816	- 7.0%
Rural	19,983	11,449	8,534	74.5%
State	$48,877	$26,356	$22,521	85.4%